

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 50337**

**City of Tatum**

**RN101918407**

**Docket No. 2015-0519-MWD-E**

**Order Type:**

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

MWD

**Small Business:**

No

**Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:**

City of Tatum WWTF, located approximately 4,000 feet southwest of the intersection of State Highway 43 and State Highway 149 on County Road 2183, Rusk County

**Type of Operation:**

Wastewater treatment facility

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** July 31, 2015

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$8,500

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$1,700

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

**Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset:** \$6,800

Name of SEP: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

**Major Source:** No

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** April 2014

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***Investigation Information***

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A  
**Complaint Information:** N/A  
**Date(s) of Investigation:** February 18, 2015  
**Date(s) of NOE(s):** March 26, 2015

***Violation Information***

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total suspended solids and dissolved oxygen [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010850001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

**Technical Requirements:**

1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).
2. The Order will also require the Respondent to, within 90 days, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010850001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.

***Litigation Information***

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** N/A  
**Date Answer(s) Filed:** N/A  
**SOAH Referral Date:** N/A  
**Hearing Date(s):** N/A  
**Settlement Date:** N/A

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***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Austin Henck, Enforcement Division,  
Enforcement Team 3, MC 169, (512) 239-6155; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division,  
MC 219, (512) 239-1456

**TCEQ SEP Coordinator:** Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division,  
MC 219, (512) 239-3565

**Respondent:** The Honorable Phil Cory, Mayor, City of Tatum, P.O. Box 1105, Tatum,  
Texas 75691

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A



**Attachment A**  
**Docket Number: 2015-0519-MWD-E**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

<b>Respondent:</b>	<b>City of Tatum</b>
<b>Penalty Amount:</b>	<b>Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800)</b>
<b>SEP Offset Amount:</b>	<b>Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800)</b>
<b>Type of SEP:</b>	<b>Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP</b>
<b>Third-Party Administrator:</b>	<b>Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b><i>Wastewater Treatment Assistance</i></b>
<b>Location of SEP:</b>	<b>Rusk County; Sabine River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer</b>

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

**1. Project Description**

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Wastewater Treatment Assistance* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities to repair or replace failing or inadequately designed on-site wastewater treatment systems such as septic systems for low-income households (the “Project”). Low-income households fall at or below the 80 percent median income level for households in the county where they live.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that all repairs, replacements, and installations are performed in compliance with local, state, and federal rules relating to on-site wastewater treatment systems. The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that only properly licensed contractors are utilized for repair of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems and installation of new on-site wastewater treatment systems.

An on-site wastewater treatment system is a system of treatment devices or disposal facilities that (1) is used for the disposal of domestic sewage, excluding liquid waste resulting from the processes used in industrial and commercial establishments; (2) is located on the site where the sewage is produced; and (3) produces not more than 5,000

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gallons of waste a day. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a benefit to the environment by preventing the release of sewage into the environment and by protecting human health. Raw sewage can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminthes (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. People can be exposed through sewage in drinking water sources, direct contact from water in lawns or streets, and inhalation and skin absorption.

Sewage overflows may cause damage to the environment. Sewage overflows may reach rivers, lakes, streams, or aquifer systems. In addition to potential spread of disease, sewage in the environment contributes excess nutrients, metals, and toxic pollutants that contaminate water quality, cause algae blooms, and kill fish and other organisms in aquatic habitats.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

**2. Performance Schedule**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

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Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.  
Attn.: Jerry Pearce, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2533  
Victoria, Texas 77902

### **3. Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Enforcement Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

### **4. Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the Project, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Litigation Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

**5. Publicity**

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

**6. Recognition**

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

**7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies**

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.





# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	30-Mar-2015			
	<b>PCW</b>	10-Apr-2015	<b>Screening</b>	2-Apr-2015	<b>EPA Due</b>

## RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Respondent</b>	City of Tatum	
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN101918407	
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	5-Tyler	<b>Major/Minor Source</b> Minor

## CASE INFORMATION

<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	50337	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Docket No.</b>	2015-0519-MWD-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Water Quality	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	Yes
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Austin Henck
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 3
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$5,000
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## ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

<b>Compliance History</b>	70.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$3,500
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<b>Notes</b>	Enhancement for six months of self-reported effluent violations and two agreed orders with denial of liability.
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<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.
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<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	\$0
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0% Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$1,075	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$10,000	

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$8,500
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	0.0%	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

<b>Notes</b>	
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<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$8,500
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$8,500
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	20.0% Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	-\$1,700
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

<b>Notes</b>	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.
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<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$6,800
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**Screening Date** 2-Apr-2015  
**Respondent** City of Tatum  
**Case ID No.** 50337  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101918407  
**Media [Statute]** Water Quality  
**Enf. Coordinator** Austin Henck

**Docket No.** 2015-0519-MWD-E

**PCW**

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

## Compliance History Worksheet

### >> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	6	30%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	2	40%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i> )	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)** 70%

### >> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)** 0%

### >> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)** 0%

### >> Compliance History Summary

**Compliance History Notes**

Enhancement for six months of self-reported effluent violations and two agreed orders with denial of liability.

**Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** 70%

### >> Final Compliance History Adjustment

**Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%** 70%

Screening Date 2-Apr-2015

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PCW

Respondent City of Tatum

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 50337

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101918407

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Austin Henck

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010850001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6

Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as documented during a record review conducted on February 18, 2015, and shown in the attached violation table.

Base Penalty \$25,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

	Harm		
Release	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			X
Potential			

Percent 5.0%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

	Major	Moderate	Minor
Falsification			

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 4

179 Number of violation days

mark only one  
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

Four quarterly events are recommended.

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$5,000

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$1,075

Violation Final Penalty Total \$8,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$8,500

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** City of Tatum  
**Case ID No.** 50337  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101918407  
**Media** Water Quality  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

### Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$10,000	28-Feb-2014	23-Apr-2016	2.15	\$1,075	n/a	\$1,075

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to determine the cause of noncompliance and make any necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility. Date required is the first month of noncompliance and the final date is the expected date of compliance.

### Avoided Costs

**ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)**

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$10,000

**TOTAL**

\$1,075

<b>City of Tatum</b> <b>Docket No. 2015-0519-MWD-E</b> <b>TPDES Permit No. WQ0010850001</b> <b>Effluent Parameter Violation Table</b>		
	<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	<b>Dissolved Oxygen</b>
	Daily Average Concentration	Monthly Minimum Concentration
<b>Monitoring Period</b>	Limit = 90 mg/L	Limit = 4 mg/L
February 2014	103	c
April 2014	c	3
June 2014	c	3
September 2014	109	c
October 2014	180	c
November 2014	156	c

c = compliant

mg/L = milligrams per liter



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## TCEQ Compliance History Report

**PUBLISHED** Compliance History Report for CN600689624, RN101918407, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

**Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:** CN600689624, City of Tatum **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 10.66

**Regulated Entity:** RN101918407, City of Tatum **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 10.66

**Complexity Points:** 7 **Repeat Violator:** NO

**CH Group:** 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

**Location:** APPROXIMATELY 4,000 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 43 AND STATE HIGHWAY 149 ON COUNTY ROAD 2183 IN RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS 75691

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 05 - TYLER

**ID Number(s):**  
**WASTEWATER PERMIT** WQ0010850001 **WASTEWATER EPA ID** TX0022551

**Compliance History Period:** September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2014 **Rating Year:** 2014 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2014

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** March 31, 2015

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** March 31, 2010 to March 31, 2015

**TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.**  
**Name:** Austin Henck **Phone:** (512) 239-6155

### Site and Owner/Operator History:

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| 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?       | YES |
| 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? | NO  |
| 3) If <b>YES</b> for #2, who is the current owner/operator?  | N/A |
| 4) If <b>YES</b> for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?                              | N/A |
| 5) If <b>YES</b> , when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?                              | N/A |

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

#### **A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:**

- 1 Effective Date: 09/26/2010 ADMINORDER 2009-1986-MWD-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)  
Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)  
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
Rqmt Prov:Effluent Limits PERMIT  
Description: Failure to comply with permit effluent limits as documented by a TCEQ record review of self-reported data.  
Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17)  
30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.1  
Rqmt Prov:Effluent Reporting Requirements PERMIT  
Description: Failure to submit effluent monitoring results at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review.  
Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17)  
Rqmt Prov:Sludge Reporting Requirements PERMIT  
Description: Failure to submit sludge monitoring results at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review.

2      Effective Date: 09/16/2011 ADMINORDER 2011-0528-MWD-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)  
Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)  
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
Rqmt Prov: Effluent Limitations & Monit'g Req. 1&3 PERMIT  
Description: Failed to comply with permit effluent limits.

**B. Criminal convictions:**

N/A

**C. Chronic excessive emissions events:**

N/A

**D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):**

Item 1	May 14, 2010	(845089)
Item 2	May 28, 2010	(831357)
Item 3	July 27, 2010	(828107)
Item 4	September 15, 2010	(888175)
Item 5	May 02, 2011	(925209)
Item 6	August 12, 2011	(959468)
Item 7	September 26, 2011	(965500)
Item 8	October 04, 2011	(958241)
Item 9	April 27, 2012	(1010221)
Item 10	July 02, 2012	(1031727)
Item 11	August 16, 2012	(1046845)
Item 12	August 20, 2012	(1031728)
Item 13	January 03, 2013	(1061517)
Item 14	January 29, 2013	(1079310)
Item 15	April 02, 2013	(1089472)
Item 16	May 10, 2013	(1106792)
Item 17	June 10, 2013	(1106794)
Item 18	June 17, 2013	(1106793)
Item 19	June 25, 2013	(1110464)
Item 20	July 02, 2013	(1100510)
Item 21	August 05, 2013	(1125113)
Item 22	November 25, 2013	(1140834)
Item 23	December 23, 2013	(1147297)
Item 24	January 24, 2014	(1153364)
Item 25	March 13, 2014	(1160696)
Item 26	April 28, 2014	(1164772)
Item 27	May 16, 2014	(1174474)
Item 28	July 08, 2014	(1171087)
Item 29	August 05, 2014	(1193794)
Item 30	October 07, 2014	(1205964)

**E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):**

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

1	Date: 04/30/2014 (1180667)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
2	Date: 06/30/2014 (1193795)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		



3	Date: 09/30/2014 (1212380)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
4	Date: 10/31/2014 (1218630)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
5	Date: 11/30/2014 (1230996)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
6	Date: 12/31/2014 (1230997)	CN600689624	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate	
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

**F. Environmental audits:**

N/A

**G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):**

N/A

**H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:**

N/A

**I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:**

N/A

**J. Early compliance:**

N/A

**K. Sites Outside of Texas:**

N/A



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
CITY OF TATUM  
RN101918407**

**§ BEFORE THE  
§  
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
§  
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-0519-MWD-E**

### **I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS**

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Tatum ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located approximately 4,000 feet southwest of the intersection of State Highway 43 and State Highway 149 on County Road 2183 in Rusk County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about March 31, 2015.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700) is deferred

contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty. Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

## **II. ALLEGATIONS**

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010850001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6, as documented during a record review conducted on February 18, 2015, and shown in the violation table below:

<b>Effluent Parameter Violation Table</b>		
	<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	<b>Dissolved Oxygen</b>
	Daily Average Concentration	Monthly Minimum Concentration
<b>Monitoring Period</b>	Limit = 90 mg/L	Limit = 4 mg/L
February 2014	103	c
April 2014	c	3
June 2014	c	3
September 2014	109	c
October 2014	180	c
November 2014	156	c

c = compliant

mg/L = milligrams per liter

### **III. DENIALS**

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

### **IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Tatum, Docket No. 2015-0519-MWD-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall implement and complete an SEP in accordance with Tex. Water Code § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition

that the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference, is implemented by the Respondent. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the assessed administrative penalty shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.

3. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010850001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team  
Enforcement Division, MC 149A  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager  
Tyler Regional Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
2916 Teague Drive  
Tyler, Texas 75701-3734

4. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
5. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes

aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
8. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
9. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Commission

Ronald Davie Jr.  
For the Executive Director

10/7/15  
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Phil Cory  
Signature

June 29, 2015  
Date

Phil Cory  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
City of Tatum

Mayor  
Title

**Instructions:** Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.



**Attachment A**  
**Docket Number: 2015-0519-MWD-E**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

<b>Respondent:</b>	<b>City of Tatum</b>
<b>Penalty Amount:</b>	<b>Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800)</b>
<b>SEP Offset Amount:</b>	<b>Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800)</b>
<b>Type of SEP:</b>	<b>Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP</b>
<b>Third-Party Administrator:</b>	<b>Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b><i>Wastewater Treatment Assistance</i></b>
<b>Location of SEP:</b>	<b>Rusk County; Sabine River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer</b>

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

**1. Project Description**

**a. Project**

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Wastewater Treatment Assistance* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities to repair or replace failing or inadequately designed on-site wastewater treatment systems such as septic systems for low-income households (the “Project”). Low-income households fall at or below the 80 percent median income level for households in the county where they live.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that all repairs, replacements, and installations are performed in compliance with local, state, and federal rules relating to on-site wastewater treatment systems. The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that only properly licensed contractors are utilized for repair of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems and installation of new on-site wastewater treatment systems.

An on-site wastewater treatment system is a system of treatment devices or disposal facilities that (1) is used for the disposal of domestic sewage, excluding liquid waste resulting from the processes used in industrial and commercial establishments; (2) is located on the site where the sewage is produced; and (3) produces not more than 5,000

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gallons of waste a day. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a benefit to the environment by preventing the release of sewage into the environment and by protecting human health. Raw sewage can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminthes (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. People can be exposed through sewage in drinking water sources, direct contact from water in lawns or streets, and inhalation and skin absorption.

Sewage overflows may cause damage to the environment. Sewage overflows may reach rivers, lakes, streams, or aquifer systems. In addition to potential spread of disease, sewage in the environment contributes excess nutrients, metals, and toxic pollutants that contaminate water quality, cause algae blooms, and kill fish and other organisms in aquatic habitats.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

**2. Performance Schedule**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

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Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.  
Attn.: Jerry Pearce, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2533  
Victoria, Texas 77902

### **3. Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Enforcement Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

### **4. Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the Project, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Litigation Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

**5. Publicity**

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

**6. Recognition**

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

**7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies**

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.